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Native Indian States, 10 varieties	25
" " " 20 "	60
" " " 50 "	2 50
Puttialla State, 3 fine varieties	06
*Salvador, 1891, 10 varieties complete	35
*U. S. Interior, 1c and 2c, scarce	15
Spain, 50 fine varieties	50
U. S., 1857, 1c, blue	09
Azores, 3 choice varieties	05
U. S., 1847, 5c and 10c, fine	**2 60**
Argentine Republic, 12 varieties	10
Australia, 10 varieties	05
Bosnia, 7 varieties, comp'ete	20
Bulgaria, 9 fine varieties	10
" unpaid, 1886, 5s and 25s	12
" " 1887, 5s and 25s	10
Bolivia, 1881, 4 varieties, complete, cheap	07
Belgium Postal Packet, 8 varieties	10
*Saxony, 1863, 5 varieties	10
British Columbia, 3d, blue, scarce	50
" " 1861, 2½d, pink, perf	1 40
" " 1865, 10c, blue, unsevered pair	2 75
*Cuba, 1890, ½ to 8 mil, 6 varieties	10
* " 1892, " " " " "	10
*Canada, Registration, 8c, blue	1 00
Cuba, 25 varieties, a bargain	50
Canada, 1859, 1, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cent	90
*Samoa, 1877-82, 8 varieties complete, reprints	15
Nova Scotia, 1d, fine	50
" " 3d, "	95
" " 2c mauve	25
" " 5c blue	11
Egypt, unpaid, 1889, 4 varieties complete	20
Egypt, 6 varieties	05
Greece, 8 varieties	05
*Holkar, 1892, ½, ¼, 1 and 2 annas	25
Portugal, 1875-79, 150 and 300 reis	12
Portugal, 13 fine varieties	10
Russia, 12 varieties	10
Sweden, 10 varieties	5
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties	5
Italy, 12 varieties	5
***New Brunswick 1, 2, 5 and 17c.,** a bargain	**40**
***New Brunswick 2 and 5c.,** a bargain	**10**
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	3
Canada, 1868, 1c watermarked maker's name	1 00
" 1868, 1c red-brown	12
*Canada, 1868, 12½c blue	30
Canada, 1858, ½d pink, fine	4 40
" 1858, 3d red, fine	1 50
" 1852, 3d red	60
" 1852, 6d violet	3 50
*Puttialla State, error "Auttialla" red sch	1 00
Mexico, 1884, 50c. green, cheap	**8**
Mexico, 1884, 1 peso, blue	**30**
Mexico, 20 and 25, scarlet	5
" 10 varieties, including 20 cent	10
" 1856-92, 50 varieties	1 00
" Revenues, 10 fine varieties	10
" " 15 "	25
" " 25 "	50
" " 50 "	1 00
Canada, 1859, 10c violet	17
" 1870, 3c laid paper	1 50
U. S., 1851, 1c blue	16
Canada Bill, 10 varieties	5
Puerto Rico, 25 varieties, a bargain	50
U. S., 1869, 6c blue	$ 30
" 1861-62, 1, 2 and 3c	05
*Canada, officially sealed, fine	1 75
U. S., 100 varieties	1 00
" 30 "	10
" Locals, 15 varieties	25
" American Rapid Telegraph, 16 var. complete	50
" Telegraph, 30 fine varieties	1 00
Sweden Losen, 10 varieties complete	18
" official, 11 " "	15
*Suez, 4 varieties complete (Scott's price, 65c)	15
Spain, 1850-54, only, 5 scarce varieties	15
Hungary, 1888, 1 kr. to 1 fl., 9 varieties. only	10
South America, 25 fine varieties	18
" " 50 choice "	50
Italy, unpaid, 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire, blue	**10**
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire	**30**
Roumania, 8 varieties	5
*Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $2 red and black, original gum	75
" " $3 green and black, original gum	75
*Baden, 1862-68, 5 varieties, cheap	5
*Sarawak, 1892, 1c on 3c, brown on yellow	6
" " " blue and black	6
*Bogota, ½c black	2
*Bolivar, 1c "	2
Western Australia, 1889, 1 and 2d, cheap	**10**
Western Australia, 3 varieties	5
100 varieties, very cheap at	10
200 " a bargain	45
300 " cheap	80
500 " very fine, no revenues	2 00
1000 " " "	6 50
*Newfoundland, 1866, 12c pink	40
New Brunswick, 3d, fine	2 25
*Nowanugger, ½, 1, 2, 3 ivera	12
10 Philatelic Papers, post free	11
Turkey, 10 varieties	10
*U. S. officially sealed	3
U. S., 1861, 5c brown	20
Italy, 25 varieties	12
Canada, 50 varieties	1 00
Manitoba Law, 4 varieties, fine	15
Supreme Court $5, very rare	3 75
Canada Gas Inspection, 25, 50, $1, $1.50, $2, the set	40
*Philipine Isles, 1889, 4 varieties	10
" " 1890, "	10
Great Britain, 1854, 6d violet, octagonal, rare	30
*Chamba State, 2 varieties	7
Gibraltar, 2 varieties	6
Canada, 1858, ½d. on original envelope, fine	4 50
Canada, 1857, ½d. " " "	1 50
Canada, 1851, 3d. fine	16
Canada Envelope, 1860, 5c., cut square	1 20
Perak, 1892, 1c. green	3
Supreme Court of Canada, 6 varieties complete, fine	5 00
U. S., 1861, 90c. blue	1 40
U. S., 1872, 7c. vermilion	30
Nederland, 1872, 2g., 50c., blue and rose	25
*Morocco, 5c. green	3

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" 4c. " manilla, amber paper	15
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" 4c. " buff "	20
" 5c. blue, blue paper	20
" 5c. " buff "	20

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" 1892, ½ cent, blue	8	65
" " 1 cent, brown	15	—
" " 2 cent, green	25	—
Bogota, ½ cent, black	10	75
British North Borneo, ½ cent, rose	12	—
Bavaria, 1870, 1 kr. green and 3 kr. rose	5	25
Canada, Register, 2 cent, orange	30	2 90
Canada, ½ cent, black	8	60
Canada, 1868, 12½ cent, blue	2 50	22 25
Cape Verd, crown, 25 reis, rose	20	—
Chamba State, assorted	25	1 75
Costa Rica, ½ cent, real blue	10	75
Ecuador, 7 var., evenly assorted	10	95
Morocco, 5c. green	20	1 75
Mozambique, crown, 25 reis, rose	25	2 00
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	25	2 25
" " 17 cent, black	2 00	19 00
Peru, 1876, 10 cent, green	10	75
Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
Seychelles, 2c. green and rose	20	1 40
St. Thomas and Prince, 25 reis, rose	20	1 90
St. Thomas and Prince, 50 reis, blue	25	2 00
" 15 cent, blue	5	20
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
Sarawak, 1892, 1 cent on 3 cent, brown on yellow	40	—
" " 1 cent on 3 cents, black and blue	40	—
" " 1 cent	25	—
Straits Settlements, 1892, 1 cent, green	20	—
U. S. Interior Department, 1 cent, vermilion	1 00	9 00
" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	2 25

USED STAMPS.

	10.	100.
Argentine Republic, well ass	5	45
" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
Australian assortment	—	20
Azores, 1882, 5r, slate	20	—
" 1887, 25r, lilac	14	—
" 1882, 5r, blue	20	—
Austria, 1892, 30 kr, brown	13	1 25
Bolivia, assorted	15	1 30
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
Brazil, well assorted	5	45
British Guiana, 1876, 1 cent, slate	10	70
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
" " 2 cent, orange	7	60
" 1891, 1 cent, green	5	50
" 1889, 2 cent, mauve	5	45
" four varieties, finely assorted	6	55
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	40
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, assorted	25	1 90
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revenues, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	8 25	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
" " assorted	—	15
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Travancore, 1 ch, blue	25	—
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10
" " " 2c " Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
Victoria, 1884, 3d, bister	20	1 90
" 4d. carmine	20	1 90
Victoria, assorted	5	20
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90

STAMPS BY THE 1,000.

*Means Unused.	Per 1000	Per 5000
Argentine, finely assorted	3 75	17 50
Brazil, finely assorted	4 00	19 00
British Guiana, well assorted	3 80	18 00
Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 50	15 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
" " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
*Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00

SETS OF STAMPS.

†Means Unused.	3 Sets.	10 Sets.
†Ecuador, 1872-87, 1 to 50c, 7 varieties	20	60
" " 1c to 1 peso, 11 var	75	2 00
†Suez, 4 var., complete	45	1 25
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Unused stamps, 10 fine var	15	40
British Guiana, 4 var	10	20
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 1, 2, 5, 10 lire	15	45
" " 50 to 100 "	90	2 50
Puttialla Service, 3 var	20	55
†Samoa, 1st issue, 8 var. complete	35	95
Canada, 20 varieties	25	80
Canada, 50 varieties	2 25	6 50
100 variety packets	25	75
1000 " "	18 00	60 00
Angola, 1886, 5, 25 and 50 r	20	60
Portugal, 2½ to 100 reis, 12 var		65
Russia, 12 fine var		60

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A WINTER EVENING.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

The grim north wind is blowing chill,
The winter night is cold and clear;
The moon has thrown her gleaming light
Across the city, far and near;

The window-pane is dimmed with frost,
Few footsteps echo on the street:
'Tis then I sit down by my fire,
And there enjoy its welcome heat.

'Tis then, when business hours are done,
I draw my album from its place;
'Tis then, in looking o'er my stamps,
A smile of pleasure lights my face.

The darkness now has grown so deep
That I arise and light the lamps,
Then settle in my easy chair
To read and study of my stamps.

What pleasures can you show me, that
With such an evening can compare?
What other hobby has the power
To charm away all pain and care?

Our daily troubles fade away
When Philatelia reigns supreme;
When at her shrine we sacrifice,
Life is a sweet and pleasant dream.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

A PHILATELIC BLUNDER.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

IT was one of those select schools, or academies, situated in staid old New England, where a class of ninety boys sought to obtain an education. The academy was noted for its strictness, and the tutors, especially "Old Grimes," as the boys called Professor Grimsby, was ever on the alert to catch us performing some of those pranks which had horrified one faculty of late. Of course, among a large class of ninety active, restless boys, it would have proven difficult to lay the blame on any one person, so one guilty had shared alike with the guiltless, and had gone unpunished. But this had only served to make the teacher more alert and watchful, so it was only with extreme caution that the daring few continued to indulge in their midnight escapades. Of course, we never practised any downright mean tricks; they were totally harmless pranks, and were indulged in only with a view of annoying the teachers and faculty. There were just five of us who belonged to the oath-bound organization known to us as the Kro-Kum Club, and to these might be laid the whole series of deviltries which had horrified the whole faculty.

It happened that all of us were stamp-collectors; and as we were constant companions, probably for this sole reason we had formed this club to have a little fun; and as brother collectors we had implicit confidence in each other, and felt we were safe, for we well knew there were no traitors in our camp. There was one other fellow who was known in college as "Jack Ashley," who was a good friend of ours, but who was not a stamp collector nor a member of the "K.K.K." He was our boon and constant companion on every other exploit save our nocturnal rambles. He had a mild suspicion that it was our jolly crowd of five who were the objects of the professor's wrath, so one night he startled us by asking us about it outright. We felt that we could trust him, and so we "acknowledged the corn." He at once fell into our project, and wanted to join our club, asking the requirements and qualifications for membership. We told him of the iron-clad oath not to reveal any of our doings, and that every member of the "K. K. K." must be a stamp collector. This clause had been inserted in our rude constitution, though why we did not know, probably because we felt more like trusting a brother collector. Of the oath he made no fuss, he was willing to take that, but he was not a stamp collector, but he was eager to enroll himself with us, so he promised to commence collecting. A few days thereafter an album was secured, and Jack Ashley sought to gain honors in the philatelic field.

But he was not cut out for a philatelist; he studied his stamps diligently, but could not become interested. As some one has said, "Poets are born, not made," so I have been led to believe of philatelists. He could tell a triangular Good Hope from a U.S. Interior, and that was about all. But he was admitted as a member of our club, and thereafter the nightly escapades were graced by his presence.

We had secret meetings in one of our rooms, usually mine and Harry Brantford's, my room-mate, at irregular intervals, and had a code of signals—a password, countersign, and other like mysteries, nearly all of which were philatelic terms, and which we changed frequently, thus an obsolete password would not admit after a new one was in vogue.

But to the amusing blunder, which was enjoyed hugely by at least five of the school and came near putting a quietus to our pranks. We had been having a jolly time all through the week. One night we secured seven or eight large cow-bells and suspended them directly under the president's window, with cords attached which trailed along the ground and reached to a copse of trees near the tennis-court, which was to the south of the academy. I have forgotten to say that my room faced the south, and we had constructed a rope-ladder with which we descended after all had assembled in my room, and as soon as we had reached the ground we left the ladder in its place so that we might quickly ascend.

Just as soon as we had given the cord, which was attached to the bells, two or three good pulls, and set the deep-toned melodies (?) afloat on the midnight air, we stole softly in the shelter of the trees to that place where our ladder touched *terra firma* directly beneath my window, our retreat being covered by a dense growth of lilac bushes, which grew at the south side of the school. One by one we ascended the ladder, and when we had all entered the room, at least what we supposed to be the entire force of the Kro-Kum-Club, we tiptoed carefully to our rooms, all save Harry Brantford and myself, for through our room we had entered. In our haste to get to our respective rooms, we had forgotten to "count noses," but of course we were all there.

We expected the Professor would make a visit to each room immediately and see who were absent, if any, but luckily this was not carried out on this particular evening. We heard a stir down stairs, in the vicinity of the Professor's room, which we rightly interpreted to be the teachers and Professor investigating; but at last all settled down, quiet was restored, and Harry and I were sleeping soundly. Suddenly, we were aroused from our slumbers by some one stealing in at our window. Both of us jumped out of bed, half asleep, and blurted out, "Friend or foe, advance and give countersign."

It chanced that our password that evening was "*Egypt*," and when we had told Jack Ashley of it the day before we had sought to impress it upon his memory by telling him that Egypt was the country on whose stamps the pyramid appeared. As we rushed towards the intruder, we listened breathlessly for that magic word, but it was not forthcoming; he blurted out, "*Nicaragua*," and with a mighty push we shoved the intruder backwards, heard a crash and a splash below, not thinking how he had managed to ascend to our window; in fact, we were two-thirds asleep; we jumped into bed and were soon asleep.

Some time after that, probably an hour, I felt a hand on my shoulder, and was aware some one had been shaking me. Rising to a sitting posture in the bed, I saw some one before me. I touched Harry, and soon both of us were gazing into the Stygian darkness trying to penetrate its depths.

Just then, a sullen voice said, "Well, you boys played a low-down, mean trick on me." We recognized the voice of our fellow-companion, Jack Ashley, and we were now fully awake. "Why, how's that?" we asked, much surprised. "Why, you ran off and left me," he continued, "and after pulling that bell-rope, I had to wait until the storm blew over before I dared come in. Then I came under this window and found the ladder still hanging from the window and came up. I was trying to get in when you and Harry halted me, and when I was asked the countersign I thought of the stamp that had the pyramid on and answered, '*Nicaragua.*' You pushed me out, and I fell right into the hogshead of rain water. I fished myself out, and here I am."

We nearly killed ourselves with laughter at his philatelic blunder in giving the countersign. But Jack went to his room, leaving us to wonder how we were so careless as to leave that ladder hanging from our window. Had it been left till morning it would have convicted us, sure. Jack changed his clothes and hung his wet garments in the closet to dry, and thus our little adventure cost us nothing. We soon tired of our pranks and thereafter pursued our studies with more energy. Jack is now a systematic and enthusiastic collector, and we often laugh over our college pranks and his so nearly fatal, to us, philatelic blunder.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE YOUNG COLLECTOR.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

The young collector lives within,
A realm of perfect bliss;
His pulses thrill as if arsoused
By love's impassioned kiss;
The sky assumes a brighter hue,
The earth has gladder grown;
He looks on happiness and joy,
And claims them for his own.

What matters it if album fail
To prove exactly new,
If stamps are fastened side by side
With Smither's patent glue,
If sundry issues find a place
They ne'er have known before,
Or margins show where sticky hands
Have turned the pages o'er.

What matters it if revenues
Are given postal place;
If handsome hordes of counterfeits
Lend crowded pages grace;
If envelopes are cut to shape
Or heedless thrown aside;
Or Australians have found repose
Where Finlands should abide.

What matters it if watermarks
Have never caused him groans,
If shades and dies and "outer lines"
He haughtily disowns;
If white and pink are both the same
To his excited mind,
Or grilles that range from large to small
Seem all of equal kind.

The young collector, spite of all,
Is happy as the day;
He treads a path that seems to him
A bright and shining way;
I'd not disturb his dream of bliss
Nor darken smiling skies,
Since time will tear the veil aside
That hangs before his eyes.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

BY W. CULLEN BROWN.

SECOND PAPER.

ORGANIZATION completed, proper management and running of a local society constitutes the *life* of the society. A ship with a dozen captains will not be successful; a man with two masters cannot serve both. The same argument applies to a local society. Its management must be in skilful, intelligent hands, not left to the members in general, for, if this is done, a very mixed state of affairs will result.

In our last paper we had reached that stage where the first meeting was called. Now this first meeting is as it were the testing time, in which all the energies which the organizer can bring to bear will be required. Perfect order is first to be desired, but hard to secure, especially if the collectors are of the younger class. When your meeting is called to order, nomi-

nate your best man as *Chairman, pro tem* ; if possible an older collector, who is respected by the others, and *as a rule* this will ensure perfect order.

Your Chairman secured, the next step will be to elect a Secretary, *pro tem*, who will keep the records of the first meeting. The best and most satisfactory method of voting is by ballot. Appoint from among those present two scrutineers to take charge of the distributing and collection of ballots. This done, the first step will be to select a suitable name for the society ; by calling for a number of nominations and leaving it open for discussion, the interest of those present will be secured, especially as the name is generally an important point. The election of officers is the next step succeeding the selection of the name. If the number present is large, I would recommend that the full list of officers as given below be elected ; if however on the other hand you have but few prospective members, combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and those of Auction and Exchange Department with that of the Sales and Purchasing Agent. It will be necessary to elect in order the following officers :—

President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Librarian; Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent; Sales and Purchasing Agent; and an Auditor, whose duty it will be to examine the reports and books of the officers at least once a month.

Your officers elected, a few hints as to the best methods of running and duties of officers will not be amiss.

The President shall preside at all meetings ; the Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President ; the Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the society, and I would suggest that the reports kept be *full* and *minute*. The Secretary should also be instructed to forward reports of each meeting to such papers as publish the same. Many of the leading papers do this, and make no charge. The duty of the Librarian shall be to take charge of such books and papers as may be donated by the members to the Society. The Librarian also takes charge of the counterfeit collection if there be one. The Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent takes charge of the auctions and exchange business of the club, while the Sales and Purchasing Agent takes charge of the selling and buying of the club. An Executive Committee composed of all the officers is usually added.

A constitution and by-law is one of the first necessities for the guidance of the club and its officers. At your organizing meeting have a committee appointed to draft a constitution and present it at the following meeting. In the small space alloted me it will be impossible to give the duties of officers to any greater extent than has been done above.

As a first-class order of business I would suggest the following : I.—Opening. II.—Minutes of preceding meeting. III.—Secretary's report. IV.—Treasurer'sreport. V.—Librarian's Report. VI.—Report of Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent. VII.—Report of Sales and Purchasing Agent. Committees' reports. VIII.—Unfinished business. IX.—New business. X.—Readings and discussions. XI.—Auction sale. XII.—Closing.

Sale or exchange of stamps should be prohibited during meeting hours. The library should be in such a position that it could be used at each meeting. Do the above and do your best and success is yours.

It is my hope that the few crude hints I have thrown out in these two articles may be of use to the readers of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, and may lead to the organization of many local societies and the benefit of our beloved science.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

WRITING FOR THE PHILATELIST PRESS.

FIRSTLY, have something to write about, and don't wander over two or three pages with no fixed subject. The next thing after a subject, is to present it in a pleasing manner.

Original matter is in demand at a good price, but old, dry, "mummified" statistics and old matter wrought over in a different form are not worth the paper they are written on to a wide-awake, representative magazine, but such is often published by third-rate sheets.

The greatest detriment is, that many publishers will not give a fair price for good original matter, thus offering no encouragement to a writer. Publishers generally want to give advertising space in payment for articles ; some will give good stamps, and a *very* few give the "cold, hard" cash.

Instructive articles on stamps are the most acceptable, not just the information a collector can get from a common catalogue. as there is no excuse for not having one, and stories are also in demand, but do not command the price of the former.

In regard to disposing of articles, it is always best to send an article to the editor of a magazine for examination, than to write first asking if he can use an article. It is very seldom a first-class magazine will decline an original article unless it is on account of the high price asked. Good articles should be worth from $2.00 to $3.00 per thousand words, in good stamps or cash. Of course, you must always enclose return postage when sending articles ; but, of course, if an editor requests an article, you need not enclose postage for return. It is best to set a price on your work, and not leave the editor to decide.

First and last, always remember that *originality* will win the day.

W. A. WITHROW.

THE LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

The fourth regular meeting of the London Philatelic Club was held at their rooms, the W.C.T.U. parlors, on Monday evening, Feb. 6th. Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, Vice-President Stæbler in the chair. Minutes of preceding meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Bernstein handed in his resignation as auction manager, which was accepted after considerable discussion. It was decided to create a new department—that of a sales and purchasing agent. Mr. W. C. Benson was elected as Exchange Superintendent and Auction Manager. Mr. C. B. Chapman was elected Sales and Purchasing Agent. The reading of the by-laws and constitution was finished, and, with amendments, adopted. For important reasons, it was decided to again change the meeting night, making it Wednesday, as it originally was. A number of members promised some interesting papers for the next meeting. An auction sale will also be held. Members present : Messrs. Stæbler, Dickson, Benson, Stockwell, Bernstein, Bartram, Chapman, Boyd, McMartin, and three visitors. Next meeting will be held in the rooms of the club, Wednesday, Feb. 22. A full attendance is requested.

It is estimated that there 6,000 postmistresses in the U. S.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

A GHOST STORY.

BY H. E. O'NEIL.

WHILE I was staying with an uncle of mine in Southern New York it was that it happened. One day I was sitting on the verandah when my uncle came to me and asked me if I ever heard the tale about the old Leighton House; I told him I had not, when he related the following:

"About twenty years ago, when I first came here, there lived a man in that old house on the hill by the name of Leighton. He had lived there for thirty years I was told. He lived all alone, and people thought he had gold hidden in the house, and it did not change the belief much when he was found murdered, and the big oak chest in the garret broken into. The proper authorities took possession of the house, and a search was made for a will, but none was found; but in the great oak chest in the garret they found large bundles of letters, and on opening some of these they found they were ten years old, and all from a certain John Logan, who lived in L——. They at once went to L—— to find John Logan, and all they could find out was that he left suddenly about ten years before, and that he never was heard of since that time. As the officers could not find any trace of his family, the house went to the State. The house was closed up and has never been opened since, although some people had enough curiosity to go in through the windows and look the place over."

As he finished, he left me, and I closed my eyes to think, and it did not take me long to come to the conclusion to visit the old house to see if I could get stamps, so I got up and started to go to the house. I soon reached it and found it to be an old-fashioned house. I also saw that it was a two-story house with a garret. I soon found my way to the rear of the house and had no trouble in entering it and finding myself in what was used as a sitting-room. From this room I found my way into the hall, and had no difficulty in finding my way to the garret.

Glancing around, I spied the chest in the farther end of the room; it was about six feet long, four feet high, and about four feet wide, and on close examination I found it to be made of oak plank two inches thick. After brushing away the cobwebs, I stepped in and began to undo one of the packages of letters, and the first stamp that met my eye was 5 Black New York, and in my excitement I did not notice that the cover was falling until it went bang and I was in total darkness. I forgot all about the stamps and began to think of a way to get out. I did not even have the pleasure of taking more stamps, as it was total darkness in the chest. I tried several times to open it, but it was a spring lock, and it locked very securely when it fell. At last, after many vain attempts to push up the cover, I fell exhausted on the bottom of the chest. Hour after hour passed, and all at once I heard a groan that made my hair stand on end, and I heard the regular dripping of something. All at once the story of the murder came to my mind, and I fainted. How long I would have stayed there in the chest I do not know if my uncle had not come and woke me up to go to supper.

Part of the above is true, and I did afterward visit the old house and found many stamps which paid me for the trouble of my trip.

CURIOUS STYLE OF ENDING LETTERS.

Anyone in the habit of perusing old letters is struck with the tone of great humility and deference which pervades the correspondence of our ancestors.

A few specimens of the style of beginning and ending letters may prove interesting as in striking contrast to the laconic "yours obediently," "faithfully" or "truly" of the present day. It would certainly be difficult to match the following subscription of a letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury to Sir Thomas Haumer, dated September, 1713; "I desire you will believe that wherever I am I shall always endeavor to deserve, and very much value, your friendship, being with a sincere esteem, sir, your most faithful and obedient servant—Shrewsbury."

Frequently one meets with bellicose subscriptions, as in the case of the Earls of Huntly and Errol, who, in 1594, threatened "awful consequences" to the magistrates of Aberdeen unless they released certain gentlemen imprisoned in their city, and subscribed, "Yours as ye will, ether present peac or weir."

The notorious Simon, Lord Lovat, who lost his head on Tower Hill for treason, was the most courtly of correspondents. Upon April 8, 1716, he concludes a letter to the Jacobite Countess of Seaforth, thus: "I am, with true friendship and a great respect, madam, your ladyship's most obedient and most humble servant—Lovat."

Gen. Cadogan, the officer in command against the rebels in 1716, writes to the same countess, threatening her tenants with military execution unless they deliver up their arms, and concludes: "I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect and consideration, madam, your ladyship's most obedient and most obliged humble servant—Wm. Cadogan."

Yet, notwithstanding his servility he does not hesitate, when writing to the secretary of state, upon the same day, to characterize the countess as a "veritable she devil who would get the better of Satan himself."

"IT PAYS"

To advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. The following firm had a 2-inch ad. in our December issue. Read what they say:—

Harriston, Ont., Feb. 3, 1892.

Mr. L. M. Stæbler:

Dear Sir,—Enclosed find advertisement for Exchange Department and payment for the same. * * We are more than pleased with the results of our advt. in your December issue. We have **already received 83 replies** from the same.

Yours truly,
CANADIAN STAMP CO.

Are your Files

Of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST complete? If not, now is the time to complete them. The supply of back numbers is small. While they last they can be had at the following prices: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 at 10c. each. Nos. 7 and 16 are 25c. each. Complete your files before it is too late.

The London Philatelic Club have decided to hold auction sales at each of their meetings. This will prove a special attraction and will very materially assist our growth.

Auction Department.

[Matters relating to Auction Sales, and prices realized, will be published in this department each month.]

C. H. Holden's January Sale.

Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 25th.—At my monthly sale here to-day, a pair of New Brunswick shillings sold for $85, while a strip of the U. S. 90c., 1869, unused, brought $25. Good prices were realized.

Albrecht & Co.'s 10th Sale.

New York, Jan. 25.—Messrs. Albrecht & Co. concluded their 10th sale here to-night. The prices realized were good. We append some of the principal prices realized :—

U. S., 1851, 5c. brown, unused, fine	$17 25
" 1860, 90c. blue, " with o. g.	5 00
" 1868, " fine copy	9 30
" 1869, 24c. uncancelled	6 05
" " 30c. "	5 05
" " 90c. used	8 25
" 1888, 30c. (130 copies)	58 50
" Justice, 90c. used	15 00
" State, 1c. to 90c., set	9 90
Br. Columbia. $1 green, unused, perf. 12½	12 40
Ionian Isles, '59. official seal, unused	5 00
Nova Scotia, 1d., red brown, fine copy	3 20
Switzerland, Balse, 2½c. crimson and blue, new	20 25
" Neufchatel, 2½c. red and black	5 75

Hadlow's Thirteenth Sale.

London, Dec. 11.—Mr. Hadlow concluded a two night's sale of *English stamps only* last evening. The following are a few of the best prices realized :—

	£.	s.	d.
Victoria & Albert, essay, embossed, in blue on white	2	10	0
House of Parliament envelopes, 8 var. of 1d.	6	0	0
Black Mulready, proof, on India paper	7	10	0
V. R., 1d. black, on official envelope	8	2	6
1d. black, block of 45	7	10	0

Hadlow's Fourteenth Sale.

London, Dec. 17.—At this sale this evening good prices were realized. I append a few below :—

	£.	s.	d.
Saxony, 3 pf.	3	6	0
Cape Woodblock, 1d. red, fine	2	10	0
" " 4d. blue, large margins	2	2	0
Newfoundland, 6½d. vermilion	2	18	0
Nevis, 6d. lithographed	2	4	0
New Brunswick, ½ of 1d. and ½ of 3d., 7½d on original cover	4	12	6
Nova Scotia, 1d. strip of three	2	4	6
Sydney Letter Sheet on blue, entire and used	3	17	6
New Zealand, 1d green, pin perf	3	5	0
Victoria, 6d. orange, beaded oval, damaged	2	6	0
Western Australia, 1st issue 2d, printed on both sides	3	3	0

Messrs. Chevely & Co.

London, Dec. 3.—The thirty-third sale of Chevely & Co. was concluded to-night. It contained many rare Australians. I give the list of those that brought £15 or more :—

	£.	s.	d.
N.S.W., Sydney, 1d, plate I, complete plate	30	0	0
" " " II, " "	38	0	0
" " 2d, " I, " "	33	0	0
" " " " II, " "	26	10	0
" " " " III, " " except No. 5, 9 and 16	19	0	0
" Sydney, 2d., plate IV, complete plate			
" " 3d., complete plate	18	10	0
" Laureated, registered, impf., complete plate	30	0	0
" Laureated, 2d, stars, 39 of the 50 types	20	0	0
" " 3d, no wink, complete	17	10	0

Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

The 117th sale of above firm was held in New York on Dec. 13th and 14th. Total amount of sale, $4,985 ; 971 lots. Sold without reserve. A few prices :—

New York, 1843, 3c. blue, fine	$ 22 00
U. S., 1857, 5c. red-brown, unused	10 40
" 1868, 3c., embossed all over	14 60
" 1870, 12c. embossed	14 50
Cape, woodblock, dark blue	10 05
Ceylon, 1857, 6 l. on bluish paper, unused	18 00
Nevis, 6d. olive	5 50
Newfoundland, 5c. brown, unused	3 25
Nova Scotia, slip of 5, 6d.	30 00
Pacific Steam Co., pair 1 real, blue	72 00
Spain, 1853, 2 reals, scarlet, unused	28 00
Victoria, 5s., blue on yellow	22 60

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. concluded a four days' sale to-night. It took place on Jan. 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. This sale was the most successful, and realized a greater amount than any previous sale ever held on the American continent. Many of the varieties brought extremely high prices. The total amount realized was $9,765.-51. The collection was that of Mr. Geo. Hencken. We append a list of the stamps which realized $25 or over :—

St. Louis, 5c. black, die A, clipped at one side	$ 46 00
" 10c. " " slightly scraped	33 50
U. S., 1856, 24c. lilac, unused, fine	25 00
" 1869, 15c. centre inverted, fine	69 00
" Newspaper, $48 brown, unused	26 00
" " $60 violet, "	31 00
" P. O. envelope, entire. 3c. on white	30 50
" Local, Glen Haven, 1855, 1c green on orig. env.	42 00
Athens, Ga., 5c. purple, narrow paid, on orig. env.	46 00
Baton Rouge, La., 5c. green and carmine, on orig. env.	55 50
Lenoir, N. C., 5c. blue and orange, fine	65 25
Mobile, Ala., 2c. black, rare and fine	33 25
Nashville, Tenn., 10c. green, lightly cancelled, fine	61 00
Afghanistan, 1875, ½r., mauve, type 400, unused, fine	42 80
Br. Guiana, 1856, 4c. red, type 757, lower corners trimmed	42 00
Br. Guiana, 1862, prov. 2c. yellow, crossed ovals, fine	25 50
" " " 4c. blue, hearts & heads, fine, unused	43 25
Same used	36 75
Canada, 1858, 6d lilac, unused	27 00
U. S. of Columbia, 1868, 20c. red, used, rare	35 00
Antioquia, 1878, 10c. violet, slightly nicked, used	35 00
Bolivar, 1863, 10c. green, used, rare	28 50
Tolima, 1870, 5c. black, buff laid battonne paper, used.	41 00
Dominican Republic, 1862, 1r., green, pen cancelled	26 50
" " 1865, 1r., straw, used, fine	16 50
Labuan, 1883, 2c. on 16c. blue, surch'd in cap., rare	32 00
Maderia, 1868, unperf. 5r. black, black surch'd. used	27 00
Mauritius, 1848, 2d. blue, bluish paper, early impress.	25 50
" 1856, 2d. " (fillet head), used, damaged.	46 00
" sur., 1863, 1s. yellow, on thin bluish paper.	51 00
Mexico, 1864, Eagle, 3c. brown, unused	29 00
Guadulagara, 1876, Medio r., wove paper, unsevered pair, used	36 00
New Brunswick, 1851, 1s., violet, used, fine	40 50
Newfoundland, 1s., scarlet vermilion. used	48 00
Another damaged	26 25
Newfoundland, 6½d. scarlet vermilion, on original letter, fine	27 50
Nova Scotia, 1s violet, uncancelled	37 90
Peru, 1858, medio peso, rose, fine, rare	56 00
Roumania, Moldavia, 1858, 54p., blue on green, laid p.	32 00
Spain, 1851, 2r. orange, used	71 00
" 1852, 2r., red, unused	33 00
" 1853, Madrid, 3c. bronze, unused	25 25
Another used	25 10
Spain, 1857, 25 m. de r., blue and rose, centre inverted, unused	40 25
Switzerland, Geneva, 10c. green, used, fine	60 00
" Zurich, 1843, ver. lines, 4r. black, used.	67 00
" Vaud, 1848, 4r. red and black, used	48 50
Tuscany, 1860, 3 lire, ochre, used	136 25
Western Australia, 1875, 1d. on 2d., yellow, bl'k surcharge, used	50 00

Chevely & Co.

London, Dec. 23.—Mr. Chevely concluded a two night's sale of 446 lots last night. A few prices :—

	£.	s.	d.
Gibraltar, 30r., varieties	2	0	0
Spain, 1852, 2r., fine	3	0	0
Moldavia, 1st issue, 108 paras	18	0	0
Cape, woodblock, 1d. blue, error	25	0	0
Natal, 1s., buff, very fine	26	0	0
U. S. Executive, complete set	2	16	0
" Baton Rogue, 5c	15	0	0
Canada, 7½d., green, fine	1	4	0
Nevis, 1st issue, 1s.		18	0
Victoria, 2s., green, rouletted	5	0	0

Messrs. Venton, Bull & Cooper.

Tokenhouse Yard, Dec. 10.—The above firm held a sale here this evening. We give below a few of the prices realized :—

	£.	s.	d.
Br. Guiana, 1850, 8c. consular, cut round	7	0	0
Lagos, 10/, pence	2	0	0
Mauritius, 1848, 1d., unused	2	5	10
New Brunswick, 1/, fine	6	10	0
St. Vincent, 5/, star	2	6	0
Spain, 1854, 1r., light blue, used	4	8	0
Geneva, the double stamp joined	7	2	6
Turk's Islands, 1s., prune	4	0	0

Others are omitted for want of space.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

H. E. M., West Winsted, Conn. :—From what your description implies, your stamp is a revenue of Brazil, of no great value.

R. F. M., Charlottetown, P. E. I. :—(1.) The best Canadian Society is the P. S. of C., dues 50c. per year ; Secretary, H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, Ont. (2.) Tobacco stamps of Canada are collected by many and are hard to obt in. (3.) The Stamp Collector's Companion will be ready some time in March.

SHE BOUGHT POSTAGE STAMPS.

"Where did you buy that delicious perfume?" remarked a lady to a friend recently, upon detecting the exhalations of a most pleasing odor.

"At Blank Brothers," replied the person addressed, naming a prominent firm of chemists and perfumers. "They have a wonderful variety from which to select."

"Yes, I suppose so ; but then are they not dreadfully high in their prices? Druggists always get more for their wares than any other class of men."

"I suppose they do," remarked the owner of the perfume. "My husband says they charge twice as much as other people, and I suppose it must be so, but there seems to be no help for it."

"Oh, mamma," spoke up the youthful daughter of the lady, who had remained an interested auditor of the conversation. "I don't think druggists charge more than other folks."

"Why, what do you know about it, my dear? "What have you ever bought from them?"

"Oh, postal stamps and postal cards," came the quick reply from the little one ; "and," she added, "they don't charge no more for 'em than they do at the post-office."

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CURRENT PHILATELIC TOPICS

FROM ACROSS THE BORDER.

"Another one gone." The *Missouri Philatelist*, which has sprung such a record in the arena, has sold out to Ralph P. Spooner, of *The Stamp*.

It is not generally known, I think, that the only specimen known of the Alexandria, Va., 5c black, rests securely in the album of John K. Tiffany. This specimen could not be purchased for thousands.

There will soon be a change in the Columbian 1 cent stamp as it too closely resembles the special delivery stamp, and can be effectually used as a medicine label.

F. F. Gambs, of San Francisco fame, is said to be a successful photographer. A joke some years ago was enacted by him, and it was a costly one too! He placed one of the rare Hawaiian Missionary Stamps which catalogue at over $100 in a 10 cent packet by mistake, and after he discovered his blunder offered $50 reward for its return. "But it never came back!"

In a glass frame, in the office of a prominent stamp dealer one can see in this condensed space such stamps as St. Louis 10 and 5c ; Baltimore Buchannan ; Brattleboro ; New York issues. While last, one gazes on the oft longed for "Millbury." Wonder who this dealer is?

H. E. Deats, like Von Ferarry, guards his stamps jealously in large steel vaults.

There is only one man or person I know of who possesses a genuine "Connell New Brunswick Stamp", and that is T. G. Sanders, of Omaha, Neb. He says he will not part with it!

Speaking of the above reminds one of the fact "who possesses a genuine Brattleboro," we read of so much? And some dealers have the nerve to list them in their catalogues.

A dealer in glassware had a quality of goods with fac-similes of U. S. coins for sale. He received a letter from a U. S. authority, asking him where and when he got the goods. The grocer replied to the query, answering all questions, and was told by the officer to keep strictly out of that business. I never heard what was done to the manufacturing company, but doubtless a seizure followed. The grocer says he has had experience enough in this line to keep out of the "reprint biz." He's wise!

Yours till the future,
PROFESSOR.

RE OUR HANDBOOK No. 1.

Your handbook No. 1, "The Stamps of British North America," just received. Was much pleased with it, and must say that it is the best work on Canadian stamps I have yet seen. Enclosed find 25 cents for your Handbook No. 2.

Yours truly,
FRANK M. LAWRENCESON.

Canton, O., Feb. 4, '92.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., of this city, has been compelled to retire, as editor, from the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, Mr. H. S. Dickson having purchased full publishing rights from the former publisher, Mr. A. H. Crittenden, of Detroit. Mr. Bernstein also retires from the Stamp business, his studies taking up most of his time.

Mr. H. S. Dickson, of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, is also well known in Collegiate circles as publisher of the *Inter-Collegiate Monthly*, a small amateur paper.

Mr. J. Trinkaus, of Pekin, Ill., is a progressive philatelist. He is remarkable for the numerous "finds" which he picks up.

Mr. A. W. Lautz, also of Pekin, is the son of the Superintendent of Public Waterworks of that city. He possesses a good general collection, and makes a specialty of the stamps of U.S. and Mexico.

Mr. F. I. Weaver, of Berlin, Ont., collects Canadian Revenues only.

Mr. H. A. Peters, of Toronto, an old London collector, called on us December 29th last.

Mr. E. R. Marshall, Wyoming, Iowa, the popular auction and sales manager of the Iowa Philatelic Society, is the telegraph operator of the M., St. P. & C. Ry. at that place. His "pet" speciality is the U.S. revenues. Among his varieties are the $3.00 Charter Pary in *blue*. He also has a fine collection of antiquities.

Mr. W. S. Withrow, one of our contributors, until recently book-keeper of Knickerbocker Ice Co., of Chicago, the largest ice firm of that place, has returned home on account of sickness in his family, and has resumed dealing in U.S stamps. He has a collection of U.S. and B.N.A. only.

Mr. C. Welsey Price, of Plymouth, Mich., called on us on Jan. 11th inst. Mr. Price had Nova Scotia shillings and sixpences by the dozen!

Mr. Edward C. Biggar, formerly of Freemont, Neb., has full control of the printing business of Mrs. Sherwood, of St. Catharines. He is said to possess a very fine collection.

Mr. L. S Graham, of St. Catharines, is clerk in Carlisle Bros. & Co's, of that place.

Mr. Wm. A. Beatty, of St. Catharines, struck a lucky find a few days since, procuring for 75c. an old collection made in the "sixties," worth 50 times the amount he paid for it.

Mr. Fred N. Wood, of St. Catharines, President of the Garden City Philatelic Club, is connec ed with J. A. Trotter's shoe store of that place.

Mr. Harry Hewson, of St. Catharines is with D. M. Walker & Co. He is quite an enthusiast in the stamp line.

Mr. Guy W. Green, of Schomberg, Neb., has removed to Iowa City, Iowa.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

Chicago postal clerks are charged with soaking off rare stamps from foreign letters passing through the mails.

It is reported that somebody has discovered that pigeons have been used as mail-carriers for about 700 years.

A New York tailor has been held in heavy bail for sending a dunning communication to a customer on a postal card.

The printing of the Columbian stamps costs the government 17 cents per thousand. The three and four cent stamps seem to be the ones admired the most.

The new Columbian stamps are rather large, of course, but the pictures on them are so pretty that no one ought to grudge the increased amount of energy requisite to lick them on.

The largest telegraph office in the world is in London, in the post office. In it there are over three thousand operators constantly employed, about one-third of whom are women.

In view of the avidity with which collectors have been buying up the new Columbian stamps, just for album use, why wouldn't it be a good idea for the government to make a little money now by issuing a series of Columbian $100 bills?

A return card sent from London to Hong-Kong via Vancouver, on the 19th of March, reached its destination April 28, and within three hours was on its way to London on a P. & O. steamer, arriving in London May 30, or around the world in 70 days.

In sorting over the letters from various parts of the world, 197 different ways of spelling Chicago have been found, among them being "Jagjago," "Hipaho," "Jajigo," "Shecchago," "Hizago," "Chachiche," and a scholarly resident of Finland indulges in "Zizazo." A collection of addresses is to be kept for exhibition at the World's Fair.

A FEW OF THE MANY.

—The CANADIAN PHILATELIST is an excellent journal, and deserving the support of all interested in stamps. H. W. JAKEWAY, Stayner, Ont.
Dec. 8, 1892.

—Specimen copy of November CANADIAN PHILATELIST received; am much pleased with it, especially with the article on perforation. Enclosed find my subscription. MISS H. A. HEATON, Charlton, N.Y.
Dec. 13, 1892.

—Enclosed find 25 cents for a year's subscription to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, which is the best paper for the money I have seen. GEORGE W. BAILEY, Fredericton, N. B.
Dec. 10, 1892.

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EDITORIAL.

The New Canadian Issue. The recent report of the Postmaster General of Canada contained the following information, which may prove of interest to our readers. The Department has decided to issue a new post-card, the size to be much larger than the current issue. The Postmaster-General recommends the card as especially suitable for price lists, etc., a letter card, similar to those in use in Great Britain and the United States. This fills a long-felt want Then, again, we are to have two additions to our current set of adhesives in the shape of a 20c. and 50c. denomination. The need of these two latter stamps has been greatly felt for some time past. They will be used largely for parcels. We made inquiry at the London Post Office in reference to these stamps, and were informed that some are expected daily. It is well-nigh time we had some addition to our present set. A step which the country would appreciate far more would be an entirely new set,—for example, one like the Columbian issue of the United States.

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New Papers, Etc. The *Eagle Philatelist*, after a vacation of about six months, has reappeared, and is a decided improvement in comparison to what it used to be.—The *Philatelic Journal of Canada* issued no December or January numbers, and up to date of going to press no February number has appeared, although past its date of publication.—A new-comer of promise is the *Chicago Philatelist*, which has recently appeared from the World's Fair city. It has 16 pages and a neat engraved cover. Published by the Oakley Publishing Co., with S. Schacht as editor and business manager.—Mr. Lewis Bishop, of Denver, Colorado, announces *The Philatelist*, which will appear on or about March 1st.—The Toronto stamp concern of Yorkville, Ont., announces the *Canadian Philatelic Monthly*. Another for Canada—if it appears.—The S. B. Bradt Co., of Chicago, has merged into the Western Stamp and Coin Co., and in all probability the *Chicago Stamp News* will be discontinued.—The *Ohio Philatelist* will appear from Coshocton, Ohio, on March 20.—Another new paper that is announced to appear is the *Nova Scotia Philatelist*, which will appear from Amherst, N.S., at an early date. Another for Canada ! The *Queen City Philatelist* is announced to appear from Toronto with H. Beasley as publisher.

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Publisher's Announcements. Handbooks Nos. 2 and 3 will be issued in March. Announcements of the result of the "Writers' Prize Competition" will be made in our next issue.—The sale of Handbooks Nos. 1 and 2 has been very rapid. You should secure a copy of each at once. (See adv.)—We are at all times pleased to receive from our patrons the names of their collecting friends —Foreign collectors would appreciate greatly the result of a trial adv. herein. —We are at work on the designs of a *Canadian Album*. Full announcements will be made next month.—It is our intention to enlarge to 32 pages in the course of a month or two.

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Pardoe Again. Thos. O. Pardoe, jr., who carried his swindling operations to such an extent from Ingersoll, Ont., and whom we have more than once exposed in these columns, *seems* to have changed his location again. We have proof that he is in Yorkville, Ont., where he is operating under the name of a stamp company. Pardoe's writing is of that kind one would remember, and in the writing of this firm we recognize that of Pardoe. The said firm send us a large adv. for insertion in this paper, which was similar to the adv. used by Pardoe heretofore, offering rare Canadian stamps at very low prices. This time British Columbias are offered. It is needless to say we refused the advertisement in question. It may be that some of our contemporaries, who are not familiar with Pardoe's style of writing, may accept this adv., and it is for this reason that we publish this note to warn our customers to exercise caution in purchasing from firms at that place.

Office Alterations. Our local trade having increased so rapidly during the past few months, we have found it necessary to make extensive alterations in our offices. These alterations and additions have just been completed, at great expense, and as a result we have the finest office of any stamp firm in the Dominion. New plans for arrangement of our stock have been introduced, enabling us to carry on 30% more business without an increase in our present staff of clerks. Philatelists passing through London are cordially invited to give us a call. We are at all times pleased to see you.

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Imperial Penny Postage. It will not be—at least not for some years to come. In Great Britain it has been an absorbing topic for some time past, and the general public opinion favored it. Through the kindness of Mr. Henry W. Hall, of Croydon, England, we are informed of the result of the deputation which waited on the British Postmaster-General, on Feb. 10th inst. The deputation was headed by the Secretary of the Imperial Federation League and several M.P.'s. The deputation suggested ocean penny postage, with a specially-designed penny stamp with a distinctive mark, for each colony. The Postmaster-General replied that when Australia was admitted to the Postal Union, in 1891, they entered on the condition that the ocean postage rate was not to be reduced below 2½d., and as this agreement remains in force until 1897, nothing can be done prior to that date. So much for Imperial Penny Postage.

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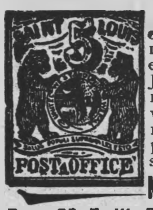

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